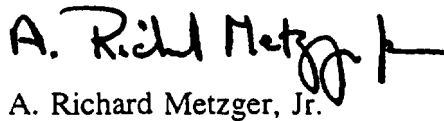


for ensuring that universal service support mechanisms are specific, predictable and sufficient.³¹

10. It is THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i) and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.3, that the Pennsylvania Commission's request for waiver IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



A. Richard Metzger, Jr.
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau

³¹ See *WAIT Radio* at 1157, 1159.

APPENDIX B

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATED OF METRO/NONMETRO AND WAIVER CRITERIA

CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA, 212 LOCUST STREET, SUITE 604, HARRISBURG, PA 17101 (717) 797-9555

	TOTAL # COUNTIES	METRO / NONMETRO DEFINITION		TOTAL # COUNTIES	WAIVER CRITERIA DEFINITION		# WAIVER CRITERIA RURAL COUNTIES MINUS # NONMETRO COUNTIES
		# Metro Counties	# Nonmetro Counties		# Urban Counties	# Rural Counties	
United States	3,141	756	2,385	3,141	527	2,614	229
Alabama	67	21	46	67	16	51	5
Alaska	25	1	24	25	1	24	0
Arizona	15	3	12	15	3	12	0
Arkansas	75	10	65	75	6	69	4
California	58	32	26	58	30	28	2
Colorado	63	10	53	63	10	53	0
Connecticut	8	8	0	8	5	3	3
Delaware	3	1	2	3	1	2	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Florida	67	32	35	67	29	38	3
Georgia	159	38	121	159	18	141	20
Hawaii	5	1	4	5	1	4	0
Idaho	44	1	43	44	3	41	-2
Illinois	102	26	76	102	17	85	9
Indiana	92	30	62	92	16	76	14
Iowa	99	11	88	99	8	91	3
Kansas	105	9	96	105	5	100	4
Kentucky	120	19	101	120	9	111	10
Louisiana	64	19	45	64	12	52	7
Maine	16	5	11	16	3	13	2
Maryland	24	15	9	24	9	15	6
Massachusetts	14	10	4	14	9	5	1
Michigan	83	22	61	83	15	68	7
Minnesota	87	16	71	87	10	77	6
Mississippi	82	7	75	82	6	76	1
Missouri	115	17	98	115	10	105	7
Montana	57	2	55	57	3	54	-1
Nebraska	93	5	88	93	4	89	1
Nevada	17	2	15	17	2	15	0
New Hampshire	10	4	6	10	2	8	2
New Jersey	21	21	0	21	16	5	5
New Mexico	33	4	29	33	4	29	0
New York	62	36	26	62	24	38	12
North Carolina	100	25	75	100	17	83	8
North Dakota	53	4	49	53	4	49	0
Ohio	88	36	52	88	22	66	14
Oklahoma	77	14	63	77	7	70	7
Oregon	36	8	28	36	7	29	1
Pennsylvania	67	33	34	67	24	43	9
Rhode Island	5	5	0	5	4	1	1
South Carolina	46	12	34	46	9	37	3
South Dakota	66	4	62	66	3	63	1
Tennessee	95	27	68	95	9	86	18
Texas	254	49	205	254	35	219	14
Utah	29	4	25	29	5	24	-1
Vermont	14	3	11	14	1	13	2
Virginia	136	51	85	136	32	104	19
Washington	39	11	28	39	12	27	-1
West Virginia	55	10	45	55	9	46	1
Wisconsin	72	19	53	72	17	55	2
Wyoming	23	2	21	23	2	21	0

APPENDIX B-1

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF METRO/NONMETRO AND WAIVER CRITERIA FOR STATES EAST AND WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA, 212 LOCUST STREET, SUITE 604, HARRISBURG, PA 17101 (717) 787-9555

	TOTAL # COUNTIES	METRO / NONMETRO DEFINITION		TOTAL # COUNTIES	WAIVER CRITERIA DEFINITION		# WAIVER CRITERIA RURAL COUNTIES MINUS # NONMETRO COUNTIES
		# Metro Counties	# Nonmetro Counties		# Urban Counties	# Rural Counties	
Total United States	3,141	756	2,385	3,141	527	2,614	229
STATES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER							
Alabama	67	21	46	67	16	51	5
Connecticut	8	8	0	8	5	3	3
Delaware	3	1	2	3	1	2	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Florida	67	32	35	67	29	38	3
Georgia	159	38	121	159	18	141	20
Illinois	102	26	76	102	17	85	9
Indiana	92	30	62	92	16	76	14
Kentucky	120	19	101	120	9	111	10
Maine	16	5	11	16	3	13	2
Maryland	24	15	9	24	9	15	6
Massachusetts	14	10	4	14	9	5	1
Michigan	83	22	61	83	15	68	7
Mississippi	82	7	75	82	6	76	1
New Hampshire	10	4	6	10	2	8	2
New Jersey	21	21	0	21	16	5	5
New York	62	36	26	62	24	38	12
North Carolina	100	25	75	100	17	83	8
Ohio	88	36	52	88	22	66	14
Pennsylvania	67	33	34	67	24	43	9
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Tennessee	95	27	68	95	9	86	18
Vermont	14	3	11	14	1	13	2
Virginia	136	51	85	136	32	104	19
West Virginia	55	10	45	55	9	46	1
Wisconsin	72	19	53	72	17	55	2
TOTAL	1,609	517	1,092	1,609	340	1,269	177

APPENDIX B-1, CONTINUED

CENTER FOR RURAL PENNSYLVANIA, 212 LOCUST STREET, SUITE 604, HARRISBURG, PA 17101 (717) 787-9555

STATES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

	TOTAL # COUNTIES	METRO / NONMETRO DEFINITION		TOTAL # COUNTIES	WAIVER CRITERIA DEFINITION		# WAIVER CRITERIA RURAL COUNTIES MINUS # NONMETRO COUNTIES
		# Metro Counties	# Nonmetro Counties		# Urban Counties	# Rural Counties	
Alaska	25	1	24	25	1	24	0
Arizona	15	3	12	15	3	12	0
Arkansas	75	10	65	75	6	69	4
California	58	32	26	58	30	28	2
Colorado	63	10	53	63	10	53	0
Hawaii	5	1	4	5	1	4	0
Idaho	44	1	43	44	3	41	-2
Iowa	99	11	88	99	8	91	3
Kansas	105	9	96	105	5	100	4
Louisiana	64	19	45	64	12	52	7
Minnesota	87	16	71	87	10	77	6
Missouri	115	17	98	115	10	105	7
Montana	57	2	55	57	3	54	-1
Nebraska	93	5	88	93	4	89	1
Nevada	17	2	15	17	2	15	0
New Mexico	33	4	29	33	4	29	0
North Dakota	53	4	49	53	4	49	0
Oklahoma	77	14	63	77	7	70	7
Oregon	36	8	28	36	7	29	1
South Dakota	66	4	62	66	3	63	1
Texas	254	49	205	254	35	219	14
Utah	29	4	25	29	5	24	-1
Washington	39	11	28	39	12	27	-1
Wyoming	23	2	21	23	2	21	0
TOTAL	1,532	239	1,293	1,532	187	1,345	52

No. 1988-155

AN ACT

§ 2513

Providing for Commonwealth support for an Urban and Rural Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program for Pennsylvania residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and who apply their degrees to teaching in urban and rural public schools in this Commonwealth.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Urban and Rural Teacher Loan Forgiveness Act.

Section 2. Findings and declaration of intent.

The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The number of college students planning to enter the teaching profession appears to be inadequate to meet the need for teachers in our public schools.

(2) Demand from industry and other opportunities attract existing and potential teachers away from the profession.

(3) The pool of qualified teachers, especially those in math and science, has diminished.

(4) Economically hard-pressed rural and urban school districts find it difficult to attract qualified teachers from the diminished pool.

(5) Payment of a portion of student loans for certified teachers serves the important public purpose of encouraging new teachers to teach in economically hard-pressed areas of this Commonwealth.

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Agency." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

"Designated Commonwealth urban or rural public school district." An eligible urban or rural public school district which the secretary has certified as having a need for teacher loan forgiveness assistance because of difficulty in attracting qualified teachers.

"Eligible rural public school district." A public school district that has a population of less than 300 per square mile and either:

(1) more than 8% of the pupils in average daily membership are low-income pupils as defined in section 2502.11 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949; or

(2) the market value/income aid ratio, as defined in section 2501 of the Public School Code of 1949, is greater than seven-tenths.

This definition shall also apply to an intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school if the composite data for all participating school districts meet the criteria specified herein.

"Eligible urban public school district." A public school district that has a population greater than 850 per square mile and either:

- (1) more than 8% of the pupils in average daily membership are low-income pupils as defined in section 2502.11 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949; or
- (2) the market value/income aid ratio, as defined in section 2501 of the Public School Code of 1949, is greater than seven-tenths.

The term shall also apply to an intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school if the composite data for all participating school districts meet the criteria specified herein.

"Qualified applicant." A person who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Is certified by the Department of Education to teach.
- (2) Is in the first year of full-time teaching.
- (3) Is teaching at a Commonwealth-designated urban or rural public school district or at a nonprofit nonpublic school in such district at which students may fulfill compulsory attendance requirements.
- (4) Has borrowed through the agency-administered Guaranteed Student Loan Programs.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

Section 4. Urban and Rural Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

Qualified applicants who are selected for the Urban and Rural Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program in accordance with this act shall be eligible for payment by the agency of a portion of the debt incurred by the applicant through the agency-administered Guaranteed Student Loan Programs for the education necessary to be certified to teach in Pennsylvania. For each academic year that the applicant is a full-time teacher in an approved Commonwealth urban or rural public school district, the agency may forgive a proportional part of the applicant's loan so that the loan may be entirely forgiven over four years of full-time teaching. No more than \$2,500 shall be forgiven in any year, and no more than \$10,000 shall be forgiven for any applicant. Payments shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the agency.

Section 5. Loan forgiveness awards.

Recipients of the loan forgiveness awards shall be those teachers who are certified by the Department of Education and who have received a satisfactory rating by the district or nonpublic school for the academic year. Each teacher shall be required to submit such documentation of continued eligibility as the agency may require.

Section 6. Funding.

Loan forgiveness awards may be made to the extent that funds are appropriated by the General Assembly.

Section 7. Responsibility of agency.

It shall be the responsibility of the agency to administer the Urban and Rural Loan Forgiveness Program established by this act and to adopt such

regulations, policies, procedures and forms as are necessary and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Section 8. Effective date.

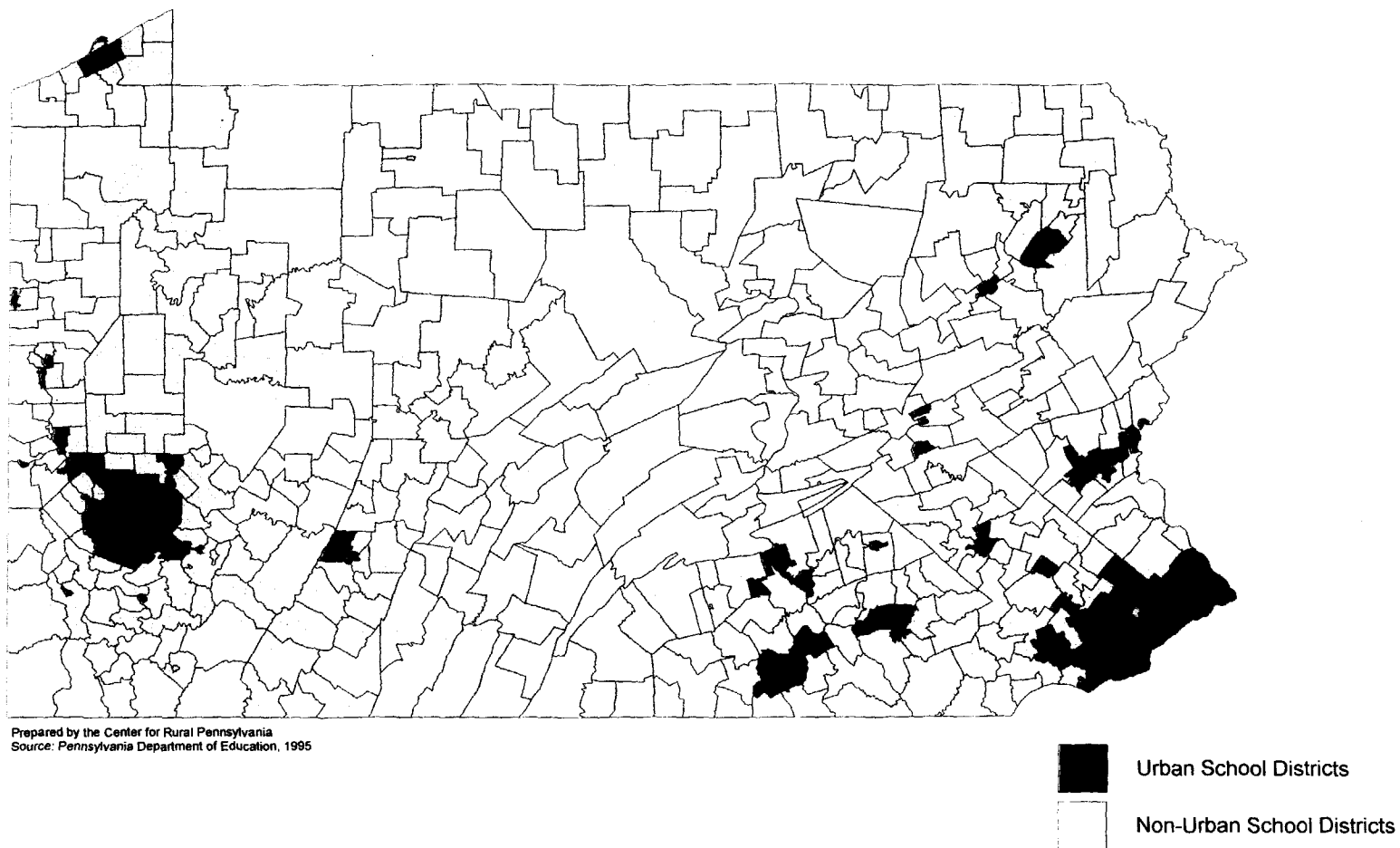
This act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

APPROVED—The 16th day of December, A. D. 1988.

ROBERT P. CASEY

Appendix C-1

Act 155 Urban and Non-Urban School Districts



RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES
IN
PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

<u>County</u>	<u>Rural Telephone Company Service</u>
Butler	North Pittsburgh Telephone Company
Carbon	Palmerton Telephone Company
Columbia	Commonwealth Telephone Company
Fayette	Laurel Highlands Telephone Company
Perry	Sprint/United Telephone Company ¹
Pike	Lackawaxen Telephone Company
Wyoming	Commonwealth Telephone Company

¹ Status is pending before the Commission.